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For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR
DEBRANCHING ENZYMES FROM MAIZE



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 AND 1.97

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants make of record the following documents*:

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* A completed Form PTO-1449 listing these documents is attached hereto.

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In addition, applicants make of record pending United States patent application 09/573,629 (Kossmann et al.), filed May 17, 2000, which shares an inventor with the present invention. A copy of this application is enclosed.

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